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This week, Dictionary.com added the word 'Mx.' as a gender-neutral title of respect. GETTY IMAGES

Defining gender-neutral titles

Dictionary.com joins Oxford English Dictionary in adding gender-neutral 'Mx.' (instead of Mr., Ms., Mrs.)

By Heidi Stevens | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Among the words officially added to **dictionary.com** this week is "Mx.," pronounced "mix" and defined as "a title of respect prefixed to a person's surname: unlike Mr., Mrs., or Ms., it does not indicate gender and may be used by a person with any or no specific gender identity."

"It's one in a line of gender-related terms we've been updating," dictionary.com lexicographer Jane Solomon told me. "Especially as people are talking more openly about gender and want to be more informed on the topic and the correct language to use. In our last update, we edited agender, bigender and gender-fluid."

("Agender," according to dictionary.com, is "noting or relating to a person who does not have a specific gender identity or recognizable gender expression." "Bigender" is "noting or relating to a person who has two gender identities or some combination of both." "Gender-fluid" is "noting or relating to a person whose gender identity or gender expression is not fixed and shifts over time or depending on the situation.")

The Oxford English Dictionary added "Mx." to its lineup earlier this year.

"This is an example of how the English language adapts to people's needs, with people using language in ways that suit them rather than letting language dictate identity to them," OED assistant editor Jonathan Dent said in May.

"Mx." is one of more than 150 new words to join dictionary.com, the online reference that sees 5.5 billion searches per year. Also in the latest update are "fleek," defined as "flawlessly styled, groomed, etc."; "IRL," meaning "in real life (in contrast with communication and interaction online or in a fictional situation)"; and my personal favorite, "sapiosexual"—"a person who finds intelligence to be a sexually attractive quality in others."

Unlike traditional dictionaries, dictionary.com updates its inventory of words quarterly, with a possible move to monthly updates in 2016, Solomon said.

"Because dictionary.com is a digital dictionary, we have the luxury of space," she told me. "We have a very inclusive policy because we can."

While "IRL" and "drunk text" ("to send a text message to someone while intoxicated") are modern inventions, "Mx." has been around for a few decades. The OED's Dent told The Sunday Times it appeared as early as 1977 in the American magazine "Single Parent."

Several government bodies, banks and universities in the United Kingdom offer "Mx." as an alternative to "Mr.," "Mrs." and "Ms." on official documents and drop-down menus, according to The Week, which offers a full list of institutions that include Mx. as an option.

In August, a reader wrote to The Washington Post's civilities columnist, Steven Petrow, asking how widely Mx. is accepted. "When is it appropriate to use? For example, without knowing your preferred honorific, is it appropriate to address you as Mx. Petrow? How about Mx. Jenner for Caitlyn Jenner? Or should it be reserved for use with those people whose gender is unknown or unclear to me?"

Petrow answered thusly:

"If people want to be addressed as 'Mx. Bond' or 'Mx. Tobia,' then that's how I would refer to them. That's called respect. If pull-down menus on Web sites and intake forms continue to require titles such as Mr. and Ms., then it's time to include Mx. in the mix.

"As for me, please call me 'Steven Petrow,' as I see few circumstances to use honorifics in this day and age. But because I identify as male, I do check 'Mr.' on all those forms. Similarly, Caitlyn Jenner is a woman; please call her 'Ms. Jenner' unless she says, 'Call me Cait.' "

There you have it.

And I especially appreciate his line about respect, since that's what titles are meant to confer in the first place.

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If you don't want to make headlines, don't make a scene

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The setting was different this time, but the images told a similar story.

Protestors from the **#ConcernedStudent1950** movement at the University of Missouri trying to intimidate journalists on public property who were trying to chronicle what was going on, telling those journalists they did not have a right to take pictures or ask questions.

The YouTube video paints a disturbing picture of a group of people who appear to think that the First Amendment only applies to their right to peaceably assemble and not the freedom of the press.

Particularly disturbing is the woman at 6:24 in the video. A reporter asks for an interview, and the woman responds by striking his camera and telling him "You need to get out." The reporter doesn't comply, so she takes things to another level.

"I need some muscle over here," she shouts into the crowd, in an apparent effort to have the reporter physically removed.

That woman has since been identified as Melissa Click, who is, ironically enough, an assistant professor of mass media in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri. Click, who had a courtesy appointment at Mizzou's prestigious journalism school, has since resigned from that post.

If her reaction to the presence of media in a place where she finds them uncomfortable is to physically intimidate them, Click, frankly, should not be teaching media to anyone anywhere at any time given her lack of understanding of the First Amendment. The University of Missouri should remove her from their staff effective immediately.

This isn't the first time that something like this has happened, and sadly it's not the last.

A group of people assembling in public, attempting to intimidate the media, telling them, in essence, "There's nothing to see here."

The more you tell any journalist that, the more we are going to ask questions until we find out what it is you're trying to hide.

If you do not want to make headlines, do not make a public spectacle on public property.

A free press is one of the bedrocks of a democratic society. Its role is to uncover truths, to tell stories regardless of whether or not the news is always pleasant.

Newsmakers do not get to determine what makes headlines. That's a simple fact.

Taking on the press only served to distract from the students' very real and very worthy cause, that even in 2015, racism is, regrettably, still a very real thing on American college campuses. That much became apparent on Tuesday night, when threats were posted on social messaging app Yik Yak, including one that stated, "I'm going to stand my ground tomorrow and shoot every black person I see." A 19-year-old white man was arrested in connection with a Yik Yak threat early Wednesday.

His actions serve as a reminder that the **#ConcernedStudent1950** movement was right to stand up for themselves in the first place, to remind America that while we've come a long way since the days of segregation, we still have a hell of a lot further to go.

The movement has since softened their stance on talking to the media. Tim Tai, the photographer in the original video, has asked all of us to "focus some more reporting on systemic racism in higher ed institutions." He's right, because if the past week has taught us anything, there is a story there.

The news is not always convenient. Reporting it is not always a pleasant task, and in many cases, people aren't happy to see us.

The thing is, we're going to be there. We are always going to be there telling stories that are relevant to the masses, affecting change by reporting the facts in an unbiased fashion.

If you do not want us asking questions or showing up, do not give us reason to. And if what's happening in Columbia, Mo., is any indication, it's proof that while journalism isn't in its healthiest state, good reporting can still make a considerable difference in the world.

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Loyola's Devon Turk (left) during the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament last year. MCT FILE

TAKE AND BAKE

A PIZZA-LOVER'S GUIDE TO 2015-16 COLLEGE HOOPS IN CHICAGO

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Pizza and basketball are globally synonymous with Chicago. Go anywhere in the world, tell people you're from Chicago and they're likely to reference "deep-dish" and "Michael Jordan."

On the collegiate level, however, consuming the local teams in recent years has left one feeling hollow. Maybe this season will change, as RedEye preheats the oven and projects who might get cooking come March.

CHICAGO STATE

Outlook: The Cougars play a fast-tempo, fun-to-watch brand of basketball. Coach Tracy Dildy is refreshingly candid, especially when juxtaposed against most college basketball coaches who are consistently corporate almost all the time.

Quotable: "We are Division I; a lot of people don't really know that," Dildy said.

Pizza equivalent: Beggars

Beggars has the best thin-crust pizza in Chicago, and CSU has the finest college hoops facility in the state. Unfortunately, these two "absolute" truths are known only to South Siders and south suburbanites.

Their pizza is frozen: Chicago State likely will finish last in the Western Athletic Conference, and while Chicago hasn't been considered "West" since the 1810s, it's great for this program to be in the WAC. Joining the league a couple of years ago will pay off in the long run.

DEPAUL

Outlook: It's Back to the Future, as the Blue Demons move forward under new-old coach Dave Leitao. The hire makes some sense as he's the last coach to lead DePaul to the NCAA tournament (in 2004). DePaul is 16-110 in Big East play the past seven years, so Leitao can claim "progress" without having to win much.

Quotable: "Like every coach in the country, you have a pretty good level of optimism," Leitao said on his outlook this season.

Pizza equivalent: Domino's

Both franchises seem to have peaked in the 1980s, when DePaul (and not the Bulls or Blackhawks) was the trendy Chicago winter sports team. Around the same time one couldn't "Avoid the Noid." Both programs have retooled and rebranded several times, but it looks doubtful either will be what it once was.

Their pizza is defrosting: DePaul still hasn't broken ground on its new downtown arena, and that mirrors the progress rate trying to rebuild the on-court product.

UIC

Outlook: The Flames are retooling under new coach Steve McClain. It could be another long season at UIC.

Quotable: "It's a big game for us to see where we're at heading into the Horizon League," McClain said about UIC's matchup against Illinois on Dec. 12 at the United Center.

Pizza equivalent: Pizza Hut

You're not quite sure what this product is anymore, and given all the other superior options locally, you'll probably choose something else.

Their pizza is thawing: The Horizon League title is up for grabs, but the Flames probably will finish near the bottom.

LOYOLA

Outlook: Loyola won the College Basketball Invitational last season. If you're not aware of what the CBI is, you're not alone. It's an NIT consolation bracket that you can literally buy your way into. And yes, the NIT itself is a consolation bracket. Still, more games and more wins equals more positive exposure for the program.

Quotable: "The trending word is 'trending,' and I think Loyola is trending," Loyola coach Porter Moser said.

Pizza equivalent: Gino's East

History reflects well on both. Gino's is regarded as the inventor of deep-dish while Loyola possesses the state of Illinois' only national title. The 1962-63 Ramblers team also broke ground regarding the advancement of civil rights in the sport.

Their pizza is almost ready: Of the local teams, the Ramblers have the best shot at making the NIT. But they're still a couple of pegs below Missouri Valley Conference front-runner and emerging powerhouse Wichita State. PAUL M. BANKS IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR.

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This might be the first time a panelist has suggested that someone "bugger off."

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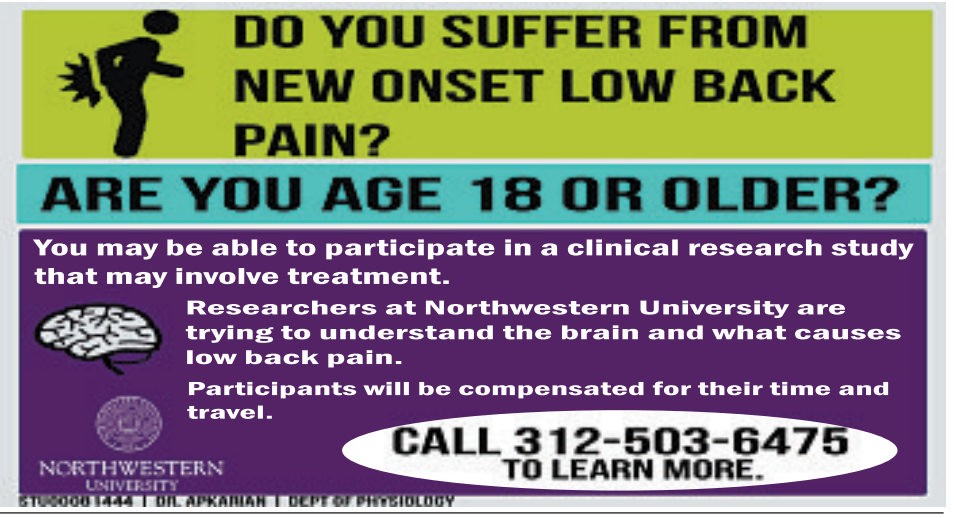
1	**How are you preparing for the start of college basketball this weekend?**	By going to my favorite bar and being surrounded by strangers. My friends hate watching sports.	Horizontal stretches on my couch.	Calmly and sensibly rewatching every game from last season.	By randomly practicing my I-L-L chant and seeing who responds with I-N-I.	I'll be saving all of my work timeouts for the final two minutes of my day.
2	**What's the November equivalent of March Madness?**	Naked November. I'm expecting to see lots of butts.	Netflix November. It's like March Madness minus the basketball, plus GrubHub.	Thanksgiving. No, not the football games that day.	Thanksgiving. My competitive side comes out when I help my mom with Black Friday shopping.	November rain (on the Bears playoff parade).
3	**How is the Bears' 3-5 start this season different from their 3-5 start last season?**	There's no difference. I'm certain they'll disappoint us.	Pass.	Hahahahahahaha.	It's not. I'm still watching for fun without any delusions of playoffs.	Even though you're on the same sinking ship, it feels like it's taking on less water (it's not).
4	**Convince the Bears to give up a home game to play in London.**	Don't be cheeky blokes and bloody pinch a pip, innit?!	WINTER IS COMING.	"What would Harry Potter do?" "He's a fictional character who doesn't play football." "Bugger off."	Go visit the royal baby and say hi to Prince William and Kate for me.	Have you tried their deep-dish fish and cockles? I mean have you, Chicago?
5	**Patrick Kane's points streak will last as long as ...**	... a Justin Bieber concert. They're interminable.	I just had to Google that, so I don't feel qualified to answer this question.	Squints saying for———ever———er. You better know that reference or else. Or else what, I don't know.	... I can't answer that. But I appreciate the question.	... I say it will never stop. See? I'm pretty sure it just stopped.



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How to console your fantasy football-obsessed significant other

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We are entering that time of the year when overeating, overspending and depression are commonplace. While it may be jolly for some who offer thanks for their many blessings, others reflect on loss, failure or gifts they didn't receive, and go to dark place.

If you are in a relationship with a fantasy football owner whose playoff hopes have all but passed, the holiday blues likely are already upon you.

The good news is this too shall pass. The better news is the consolation, empathy and support of a strong partner can help your significant other get over their loss quickly. How? Consider ...

Employing a little humor

Parodies work well. Take them out for karaoke and perform a fantasy football rendition of Sir Mix-a-Lot's "Baby Got Back."

"I like big busts and I cannot lie/Eddie Lacy sucks and you can't deny/That Jimmy Graham's been a total waste/And Andrew Luck's been a BIG disgrace." You get the picture. Laughter is indeed the best medicine. That said, if rapping about big busts isn't your thing, consider convincing them that ...

Not all fantasy is bad

Nothing can make your loved one forget about one failed fantasy like fulfilling another. In honor of the upcoming "Star Wars" movies, perhaps it's time to be "slave girl" Princess Leia, or a Minion (banana optional) to your wife's Scarlet Overkill. Whipping out the handcuffs could even work.

Then again, they could also bring up painful memories of not handcuffing superstars to their backup. Le'Veon Bell owners who didn't pick up DeAngelo Williams (225 total yards, two TDs last week) know this too well. If you're not into role playing, consider ...

Simple reassurance

It's common and happens to everyone. You get super excited and pop ... it's over. This doesn't mean they're a failure.

With practice and a little patience, assure them they will last longer next time. After all, a quick pop isn't always your fault, especially when it's an ACL, Achilles or collarbone injury as owners of Arian Foster, Steve Smith and Tony Romo have learned this season.

A little reassurance can go a long way in getting a rise out of your partner and have them poking around fantasy football again in no time. And if all else fails ...

Give them a do-over

If you played video games as a child, you simply hit the reset button when you got frustrated over losing. The fantasy football equivalent of this just might be one-week leagues like DraftKings and FanDuel.

Be warned, as some consider hitting the reset button to be cheating. Not that employees of either company have ever cheated (wink, wink).

Next week: Preparing for the playoffs

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STOP. WATCH.

Thursday's must-see event in sports

Blackhawks vs. New Jersey | *7:30 p.m. CSN*
A plea to all the youth soccer teams in the area: Make sure Devils owner Josh Harris doesn't interrupt your games by landing his helicopter on your field. (Yes, this actually happened in New Jersey this week.) Make him take the bus to the United Center if at all possible.

ALSO ON TAP
» "Mike Singletary: A Football Life," approximately 11 p.m. NFL Network (The documentary series takes a look at the former Bears linebacker.)

'Introducing, your Chicago ___!'

The Bulls are getting a baby brother. The franchise announced Wednesday that it has purchased an NBA D-League team that will play in Hoffman Estates starting with the 2016-17 season. In the meantime, the Bulls have begun a "Name the Team" contest that concludes Nov. 25. Fans can submit suggestions by visiting **bulls.com/dleague**. The UnbreakaBulls, perhaps?

THE MOUTHWATCH

"I OWE MY MOTHER AN APOLOGY FOR SWEARING ON TV AND IN PUBLIC. SO, I'M SORRY, MOTHER."

—Miami Dolphins defensive lineman **Ndamukong Suh**, on a referee's mic picking up an F-bomb he dropped during Sunday's loss to Buffalo.

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A DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE CITY'S 4 A.M. BAR SCENE

OPEN late

By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

Chicago 2 a.m. bars, thank you for existing with your fancy cocktails, shiny dance floors and extensive craft beer lists. But we ain't gonna stop the party just because you said so. Sometimes we've got more in us. Sometimes we want to dance with a mustached stranger on a dark, sticky dance floor. Sometimes we want to turn up with Madonna under disco lights. And sometimes we just want to cap off all that craft beer with a Schlitz in a divey corner tavern to remind us of where our grandfathers came from. Thankfully we can have that, all of that, and these 4 a.m. bars are happy to have us. While this is in no way a complete list, here are 26 of Chicago's late-night spots that leave the lights on for us night owls.

Trace
3714 N. Clark St. 773-477-3400

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: If it's a rock 'n' roll night cap you crave in Wrigleyville, this is the best spot to hunker down.

The Jeffery Pub
7041 S. Jeffery Blvd. 773-363-8555

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: This Jackson Park joint bills itself as the "oldest gay black owned and operated" bar in Chicago.

The Barrelhouse Flat
2624 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-857-0421

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Spirits and provisions are aplenty when you're craving late, late prohibition sophistication.

Alice's Lounge
3556 W. Belmont Ave. 773-279-9382

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Monday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: A good ol' time with Polish beer and karaoke four nights a week with the grumpiest DJ (who, be aware, might actually record you singing).

Late Bar
3534 W. Belmont Ave. 773-267-5283

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Monday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: New wave and '90s tunes, cheap beer and shot specials galore. It's all right here.

The Continental
2801 W. Chicago Ave. 773-292-1200

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: A dark bar with PBR, satisfying all your Humboldt Park hipster hangout needs.

Unforgettable Lounge
4206 W. Irving Park Road 773-283-3422

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy," says this Irving Park bar's website home page. This spot just wants you to be happy longer.

Estelle's Cafe & Lounge
2013 W. North Ave. 773-782-0450

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Food, drink, art deco and a jukebox—what more do you need in a late-night Wicker Park joint?

The Owl
2521 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5300

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: We hear nothing good happens after 2 a.m., but Logan Squarelans flock to this spot, where the weekend dance floor is forever hopping and the craft beer is flowing freely.

Underbar
3243 N. Western Ave. 773-404-9363

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Tucked under the Western Avenue bridge, this Roscoe Village last call bar with a healthy beer selection gets packed on weekends after 2 a.m.

Sidekicks
4424 W. Montrose Ave. 773-545-6212

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: An Irving Park karaoke wonderland with wood paneling that puts every neo-dive bar's ironic decor choices to shame.

Underground Wonder Bar
710 N. Clark St. 312-266-7761

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: With live music every night, you can catch a range of performers at the River North bar—from jazz, blues and funk to rock, reggae and soul.

The Green Mill
4802 N. Broadway 773-878-5552

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: The Uptown king of jazz clubs has hosted all the smokiest, soulful greats and rising stars since the early 1900s.

Smart Bar
3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday through Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: A Lakeview night club that's kept Chicago dancing with local DJs for more than two decades.

Fireside Restaurant
5739 N. Ravenswood Ave. 773-561-7433

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Go for the cajun-inspired eats and stay for the craft beers in Edgewater.

Mark II Lounge
7436 N. Western Ave. 773-274-6623

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Darts, pool and karaoke. That just about sums up a late night in West Rogers Park.

Christina's Place
3759 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-463-1768

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: If you love a good corner tavern, this Irving Park spot is the epitome of your bar dreams.

Nick's Beer Garden
1516 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-1155

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: A Wicker Park joint with live music, craft beer and a trophy surfboard on the wall.

The Flat Iron
1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: This is the Wicker Park place to hit for affordable drinks and pool after the fancy cocktail bars close.

The Green Mill
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The Owl
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE FILE

House punch at The Barrelhouse Flat
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Underbar
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Kingston Mines
2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Cheap drinks, cheap cover and two stages of live blues and other tunes, 'til 4 a.m. since 1968.

Hopsmith Tavern
15 W. Division St. 312-600-9816

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: There are more than 25 beers on tap at this bi-level Gold Coast joint with a retractable roof.

Volkan Nightclub
2501 S. Kedzie Ave. 773-247-2400

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Multiple dance floors, hip-hop, Top 40 and Latin American music in Little Village.

South Loop Club
701 S. State St. 312-427-2787

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Dozens of beers to choose from and delicious greasy mozzarella sticks you won't regret.

Celeste
111 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-9000

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Tuesday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Luxury libations on three levels—bar, dining room and rooftop garden in the warmer months—in River North through the wee hours of the night.

Hydrate
3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday, Monday and Wednesday through Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: DJs, regular theme nights and go-go dancers galore. You might even catch a glimpse of a shirtless man.

Berlin
954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975

Hours: Open until 4 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday
The scene: Drag queens, dancing under disco lights and MadonnaRama are just a few things this Boystown legend has to offer.

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CHICAGO'S CRIMINALLY UNDERRATED PIZZA SPOTS

RedEye staff

Let's play a game. When I say "Chicago pizza," what's the first thing that comes to mind? Maybe it's a deep-dish, sausage-layered pie from Lou Malnati's or the caramelized crust at Pequod's. But maybe—just maybe—it's your favorite neighborhood joint that never seems to get enough credit.

Well, today is National Pizza with Everything except Anchovies Day (nope, not kidding), so we're honoring the underdogs of Chicago's dough scene. You won't find Lou's or Gino's on this list; what you will find are staff-recommended spots that might not come to mind right away—but they should. Here's where you'll find us stuffing our faces with pizza.

ROOTS HANDMADE PIZZA

1924 W. Chicago Ave. 773-645-4949

Order this: Charlie McKenna's Lillie's Q BBQ pulled pork pizza ($23-$28)

What to expect: It's like a pulled pork sandwich without the bun. The pizza has that finger-licking barbecue sauce and coleslaw. It might not sound pretty, but it tastes pretty delicious to pulled pork lovers!

—LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE REPORTER

DANTE'S PIZZERIA

2825 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-384-8888

Order this: Slice of the day ($4.50)

What to expect: This is the Logan Square location, a small space off Milwaukee Avenue with not a lot of seating. The New York-style slices are as big as your head and as greasy as you could possibly want pizza. For less than $5, one slice will satisfy you and maybe even put you into a coma. —SARA AMATO, REDEYE DESIGNER

EDUARDO'S ENOTECA

1212 N. Dearborn St. 312-337-4490

Order this: Diavola ($14)
What to expect: You've probably walked past this quaint Gold Coast restaurant a dozen times without noticing it. Perfect for a date night or cozy dinner, Eduardo's offers insanely delicious thin-crust pizza and an approachable wine list. The Diavola is topped with spicy pepperoni, basil and white truffle oil—a trifecta of toppings that keeps me venturing back for more.
—MORGAN OLSEN, REDEYE EAT & DRINK EDITOR

THE ART OF PIZZA

3033 N. Ashland Ave. 773-327-5600

Order this: Art's Special thin crust ($14.50-$26.50)
What to expect: I have never actually eaten in the restaurant, but it's my go-to for delivery because it's the perfect thin-crust. This one is topped with sausage, onions, mushrooms and green peppers. It isn't too flimsy, and it's always baked to perfection. I once misordered and about five pizzas arrived for my husband and me. We gave some away to the homeless and ate the rest for 12 meals in a row. I still didn't get sick of it.
—ANNIE RYAN, REDEYE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

SPACCA NAPOLI

1769 W. Sunnyside Ave. 773-878-2420

Order this: Bufalina ($15.50)
What to expect: I wouldn't necessarily call Spacca Napoli underrated; rather, it just needs to be better known because it's so amazing. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, the staff is friendly and professional, and the pizza is what dreams are made of. The ingredients are so fresh, and the slices melt in your mouth.
—KRISTIN SAMUELSON, REDEYE MANAGING EDITOR

PRANZI

434 W. Ontario St. 312-944-4340

Order this: Gluten-free pizza with sausage, pepperoni and green peppers ($14 and up)
What to expect: As RedEye's only staffer with celiac disease, I'm compelled to represent my gluten-free Chicago brethren. And if you're ever in the mood to add pizza to your Netflix and chill routine, I'd highly recommend Pranzi as your go-to gluten-free option. Don't worry. Your non-celiac chiller won't even notice the difference. I promise.
—JORDAN MONROE SCHULTZ, REDEYE WEB EDITOR

QUARTINO

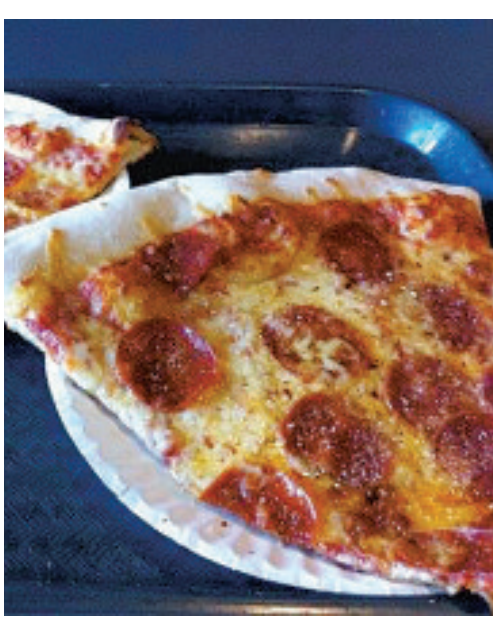
626 N. State St. 312-698-5000

Order this: Quattro Stagioni ($14)
What to expect: It's weird for a place as permanently crowded as Quartino to be underrrated, but the River North Italian small plates spot, a winner in crust/vegetables/cheese/price and more, freakin' never gets named to lists of the city's best pizza. Or at least not frequently enough, the appropriate frequency being always.
—MATT PAIS, REDEYE MOVIE CRITIC AND MUSIC EDITOR

NANCY'S PIZZA

2930 N. Broadway St. 773-883-1977

Order this: Deep-dish pepperoni ($15.70-$21.45)
What to expect: Giordano's-style stuffed-crust goodness when you need an avalanche of hot cheese poured into your gourd. The sauce has a mouthwatering blend of herbs and spices. The building may look run-down, but that's just a facade to scare away the tourists.
—BEN BOWMAN, REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR



SANTULLO'S EATERY

1943 W. North Ave. 773-227-7960

Order this: Pepperoni slice ($4)
What to expect: Though often overshadowed by its trendy neighbor Piece Brewery and Pizzeria, Santullo's is a Wicker Park gem. Stop in for a late-night slice or quick lunch, and prepare to be delighted by a slice of pizza bigger than your head. It's everything you would expect from a New York-style pizza joint. And don't even think about bringing up Dimo's when talking pizza by the slice. **—ANNIE CERCONE, REDEYE DESIGNER**

BARTOLI'S PIZZERIA

1955 W. Addison St. 773-248-0455

Order this: Thin-crust Bartoli's Chicago Classic, well done ($15.45-$24.50)
What to expect: The Chicago Classic is aptly named and topped with Italian sausage, mushrooms, onions and green peppers. It's everything I want in a thin-crust slice and has comforted me like a warm hug on many too-lazy-to-make-dinner nights and Bears-just-lost-again Sundays.
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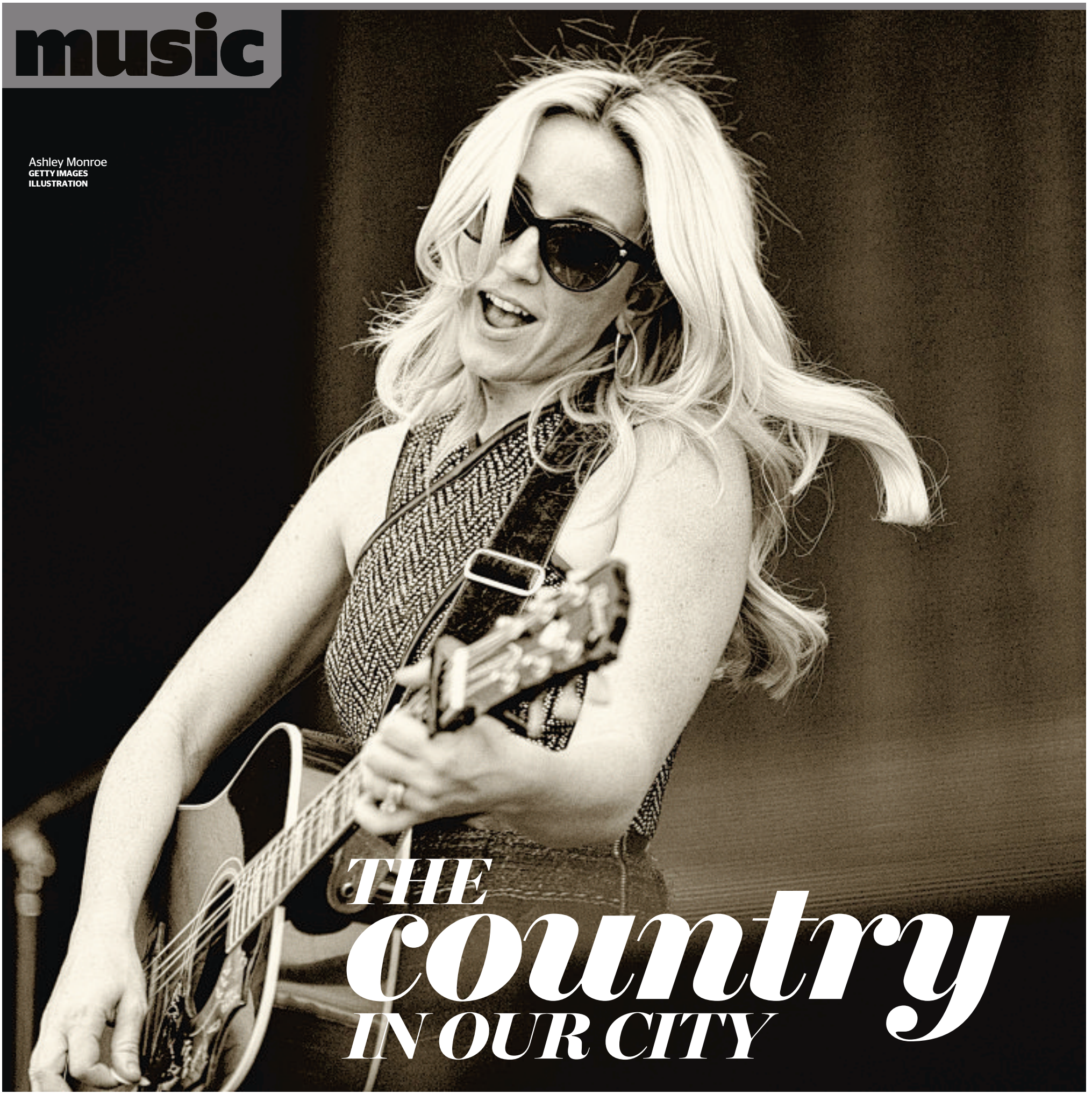

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THE country IN OUR CITY

BREAKOUT SINGER AND PART-TIME LOCAL ASHLEY MONROE PUTS SOME NASHVILLE IN CHICAGO

By Andy Downing | FOR REDEYE

Country singer-songwriter Ashley Monroe might have Nashville in her blood, but in recent years Chicago has become her second home.

"Growing up in East Tennessee, New York City is really big for me, and I have trouble staying more than two or three days there," said Monroe, 29, who lives in Chicago during the baseball season—at least when she's not on tour (the musician is married to White Sox pitcher John Danks). "Chicago, to me, is the perfect big city. You can see the sky still, and the lake is right there. There's amazing shopping and amazing food, and it doesn't feel overwhelming."

If Monroe isn't careful, the attention heaped on her by music fans could, though.

Earlier this year, the singer, who has also recorded a pair of albums alongside Miranda Lambert and Angaleena Presley as Pistol Annies, released her third full-length, "The Blade," a tender, triumphant effort that should earn her a place near the top of the country world.

I love the first line on the record—"Wheels are gonna rust if they don't turn enough." Have you adopted those words as a life philosophy at this point?

I really love that line, and I think about it all the time. It's a good analogy, even if you're just moving a little bit.

IN CONCERT
Ashley Monroe
10 p.m. Saturday at Space. Sold out.

Are you the kind of person who finds it difficult to hit pause?

No, I don't find it difficult to hit pause. I think I meant more in the bigger picture of life: You've gotta keep going ... and move past things. But I love to sit still when I can.

So do you order your salad with extra tomatoes nowadays? [Earlier this year, a country radio consultant ignited a controversy when he said stations shouldn't play too many songs by female artists, noting they should be added sparingly, like tomatoes in a salad.]

Oh, that's funny. Nooo. That all came up, and it brought attention to the issue, which I thought it deserved. But I always say I like good music, whether it's [from a] male or [a] female [artist].

Nashville does seem to have this songwriting class of people like you and Jason Isbell who are finding commercial success outside of the commercial radio world.

There's definitely an audience showing up for that kind of music, and that's great. There's an audience for every kind of music. Jason Isbell, myself, Kacey [Musgraves], Chris Stapleton—I could go on and on. We're definitely finding our audience, or maybe they're finding us.

What do you think that audience is drawn to in that sound?

I think people are hungry for something they can relate to; I know I am. We all sing about real-life things ... and when I hear things like that I know I can't get enough of it. I always write things that come from the heart, or that come from things I've seen. I started writing when I was 13 and my dad got sick [Monroe's father died of cancer when she was 13], and that was just raw emotion coming out, almost like a journal put to music.

Why do you think you were drawn to songwriting for that outlet versus just writing in a diary?

I'd always sung, and I'd just gotten a guitar for my 13th birthday so I'd been learning chords. It was just natural for me to take my despair and set it to music.

In an NPR interview you mentioned how crazy your life has been up to this point, and said you needed to write a book. What would you title your autobiography?

[Laughs.] I don't know. That's a tough one. Maybe "Whew."

You also played in Pistol Annies. Are you a good shot?

No, I am not. My gosh. I'm the least likely of the three to hit any target. I guess if I had to I could muster it up, but I don't shoot guns much. I passed my gun safety class by one point. I got the lowest score you could get and still pass. [Laughs.]

Are there plans for another Pistol Annies record?

We never really have plans, but we're always talking about it some. I think it'll happen whenever it's supposed to. It's amazing that three people can have that good a connection. It was very unexpected, but we've definitely had some amazing times.

You appeared on a "Hunger Games" soundtrack. What would your weapon of choice be in a survivor-take-all battle royale?

I'd like to learn how to shoot a bow and arrow; I think that'd be pretty amazing. I don't know how to, but I'd like to. I don't think I'd fare wonderfully [in that kind of competition], but I'd be fighting for my life, so you never know. I could turn out to be the best.

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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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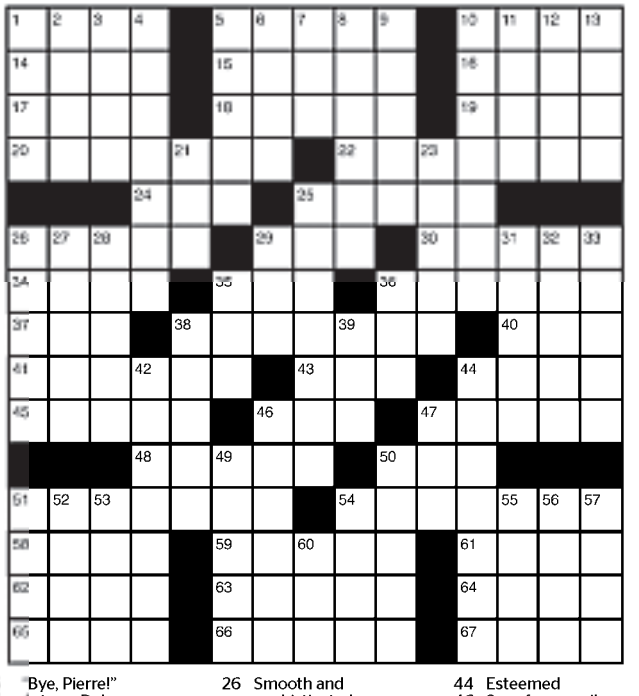
ACROSS
1 __ in; wearing
5 Modify
10 Hole-making tools
14 Take a fancy to
15 Actor Willem
16 Cheer
17 Fail to include
18 Bury
19 Caesar's robe
20 Cure-all
22 Movie preview
24 Debtor's note
25 Pitt and Garrett
26 Overcook milk
29 Be nosy
30 Puts booze in the punch
34 Crematorium shelf supplies
35 Hawaii's Mauna __
36 Movie theater
37 Summer months: abbr.
38 Hailed vehicle
40 Weep
41 Went suddenly off course
43 Actor Ameche
44 Despise
45 TV's Pompeo
46 House member: abbr.
47 More tender to the touch
48 Carried
50 Forbid
51 Baseball officials
54 Asian temples
58 Juicy fruit
59 Skin problems
61 Seldom seen
62 __ more; again
63 Use bad words
64 Suffix for prefer or precast
65 Cook in the microwave
66 Warms up
67 Writing table

DOWN
1 Clippety-__
2 Peru's capital
3 __ to; like
4 Particulars
5 "Bye, Pierre!"
6 Actress Delany
7 Toward a ship's stern
8 Longfellow's specialty
9 __ firma; land
10 Skilled craftsman
11 Sheep's hair
12 Theater box
13 Celebrity
21 Food fish
23 Speak without preparation
25 Like pigtails, usually
26 Smooth and sophisticated
27 Inhumane
28 Cherub
29 Rash-causing virus
31 Actor Romero
32 Overdo the role
33 Cavalry sword
35 Youth
36 Tin receptacle
38 Singing voice
39 Police officer
42 Pensioner
44 Esteemed
46 Save from peril
47 Droop
49 Educate
50 First, second and third
51 Come __; find
52 List of dishes
53 Fill a suitcase
54 Pain in the neck
55 Copenhagener
56 Circle portions
57 Look for
60 Gun rights org.



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ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Justin Bieber announced Wednesday on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" that he is planning a world tour in support of his upcoming album, "Purpose," according to eonline.com. The tour kicks off March 9, with tickets going on sale next week. He's set to hit the Allstate Arena in Rosemont on April 22 and 23.

Aziz is the man

It's no surprise that we love Aziz Ansari. His new show on Netflix is out (and we loved it!). In response to the overwhelming fanfare his parents received for being on the show, he wrote a letter dedicated to how much he loves his family on his Tumblr account on Wednesday. He writes, "I'm an incredibly lucky person and many of you are as well. Not to beat a dead horse here and sorry if this is cheesy or too sentimental but if your parents are good to you too, just go do something nice for them. I bet they care and love you more than you realize." Awwwww.

THE QUOTE

"IT'S VERY EASY TO GIVE IN TO BEING FAMOUS. BECAUSE IT'S CHARMING. IT'S POWERFUL. IT DRAWS YOU IN. REALLY, IT'S HARDER WORK RESISTING IT. BUT AFTER A WHILE I JUST REFUSED TO ACCEPT A LIFE THAT WAS NOT REAL."

—Adele, to The Observer Music magazine, about how she felt like she was going through an "out-of-body" experience after the success of her last album, "21," according to **eonline.com**.

Stephen Colbert (left) and James Corden

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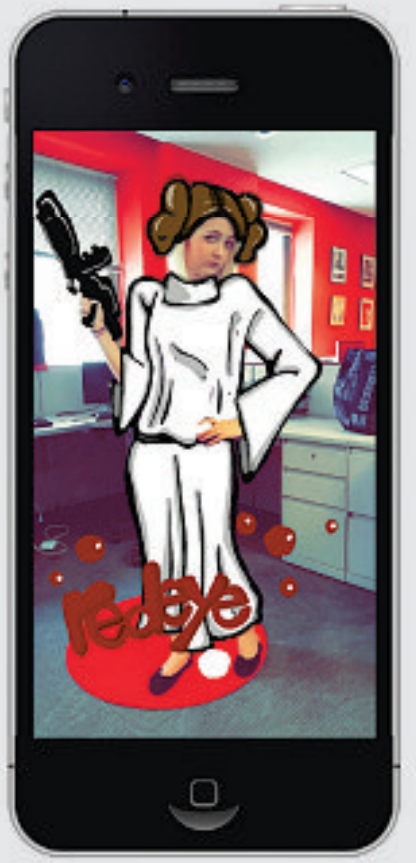
CBS dream team

Stephen Colbert has nabbed the coveted post-Super Bowl spot, and he's doing it live, according to **tvline.com**. CBS has announced that a live telecast of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" will take the spot after the Super Bowl, making it the first late-night program to air in that slot. Also, after the local news, CBS will air a special edition of "The Late Late Show with James Corden," TVLine reported.

Tread lightly

Walter White's hat from "Breaking Bad" is making its way to the Smithsonian. According to **vulture.com**, the hat is just one of many props from the AMC show to be donated to the National Museum of American History. Gas masks, chemical suits and some blue meth will also join the museum's permanent collection.



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